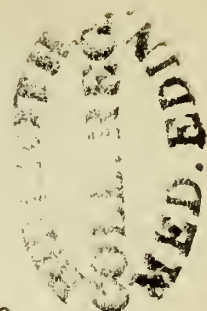


VACCINE ESTABLISHMENT.



Copy of REPORT received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the BOARD of the VACCINE ESTABLISHMENT ;
12th February 1825.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ROBERT PEEL,
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

THE importance and value of this Establishment is made manifest daily, by the immediate and certain return it makes to all applications for means of protection against one of the greatest scourges in the form of disease, which has ever afflicted mankind.

It belongs to the improvidence of the lowest orders of the people to remain careless and inactive, so long as the hour of danger is distant and uncertain, and to become, perhaps, unreasonably alarmed when it arrives. Our calls, therefore, are generally accompanied by information, that the Small Pox is committing great ravages in the neighbourhood, and the demands for assistance are urgent and pressing. These remarks apply to our own country more particularly; but we have frequent applications also from abroad, and even from Vaccine Institutions established in foreign capitals, where it is admitted to be difficult to keep up the supply; and the request for matter is made under a conviction that that which is received from this Establishment is more genuine and efficacious. Happily the arrangement which we have made enables us to supply every want, wherever, and from whatever quarter it comes to us; and we have sent out 77,800 charges of Lymph since our last Report.

It cannot be necessary now to enter upon an estimate of the comparative merits of Vaccination and Inoculation, as protectives against the Small Pox; but the Board has been engaged in endeavouring to ascertain what proportion of persons vaccinated take the Small Pox afterwards. By the information which we obtain from our stationary vaccinators in the metropolis, it seems that not more than eighteen out of the 8,000 which are vaccinated upon an average annually, are susceptible of the variolous disease afterwards. The Returns from the corresponding vaccinators in the country are less favourable; but we are fully justified in concluding, that the number of those who take the Small Pox after Vaccination, and pass through a safe and harmless disease, is not greater than the number of those who die under Inoculation. The estimate of this loss, where Inoculation was greatly practised, was one in 300.

By the bills of mortality we find that 725 persons have died of the Small Pox this year, within the range of those bills; but we have not been made acquainted with any fatal case after Vaccination.

We are, &c.

(signed) HENRY HALFORD,
President of the Royal College of Physicians.

WILLIAM NORRIS,
President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

W^m Lynn, Vice President.

W^m G. Maton, M. D.
H^d James Cholmeley, M. D. } Censors of the Royal College
Francis Willis, M. D. } of Physicians.
John Warburton, M. D. }

Clem^t Hue, M. D.
Registrar.

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Sent Abroad from the NATIONAL VACCINE Establishment,
in the Year 1824

January 3d.	To Malta.	July 21st.	To Demerara.
February 9th.	- Jersey.	—	- Jamaica.
10th.	- Jamaica.	—	- Paramatta, N.S.Wales.
14th.	- Madras.	—	- Sierra Leone.
27th.	- Madras and Bengal.	29th.	- Guernsey.
March 8th.	- Jamaica.	August 10th.	- Jersey.
10th.	- Quebec.	11th.	- Russia.
11th.	- Bruquebac, France.	25th.	- Lisbon.
25th.	- Carraccas.	28th.	- New South Wales.
29th.	- Jersey.	31st.	- Island of Granada.
April 5th.	- Madrid.	September 7th.	- Cape Breton.
6th.	- Jamaica.	13th.	- Barbadoes.
5th.	- Demerara.	25th.	- Oporto.
—	- Fayol.	—	- Dominica.
15th.	- Paris.	October 7th.	- Madeira.
20th.	- Guernsey.	29th.	- Jamaica.
26th.	- Harfleur.	November 2d.	- Ditto.
27th.	- Vienna.	17th.	- New South Wales.
29th.	- Jersey.	22d.	- Barbadoes.
May 11th.	- St. John's, Newfoundland.	25th.	- Cadiz.
13th.	- France.	December 14th.	- Cape Coast Castle.
22d.	- Calais.	20th.	- Barbadoes.
June 3d.	- Trinidad.	—	- Buenos Ayres.
—	- St. John's, Newfoundland.	—	- Oporto.
July 7th.	- Jersey.	30th.	- Jamaica.



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